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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 14, 2005, claims 1-22 are pending. The Office Action states that the claims are directed to separate and distinct inventions and for that reason an election is required and a restriction for examination purposes is proper.

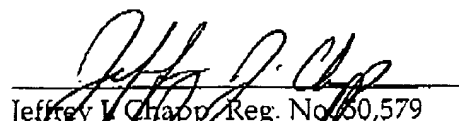
The Office Action groups claims 1-22 into a Group I, having claims 1-15, and into a Group II, having claims 16-22. The Office Action states that Group I is drawn to a sectioning apparatus for a form fitting cover and a cover having a sectioning apparatus, classified in class 150, subclass 154, and that Group II is drawn to a method of covering an object, classified in class 53, subclass 396. Applicant elects Group I without traverse.

In paragraph 4, the Office Action states the application contains claims that are directed to the following patentably distinct species: Figure 1, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6, and Figure 7. The Office Action also states that the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect one of the stated species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant elects the specie directed to Figure 1. Applicant also submits that claims 1-11, 13, and 15 are readable on the specie of Figure 1.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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